GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

MINES & MINERALS - Grant of Petroleum Mining Lease for Crude Oil and Natural Gas in Bantumilli Extension area of Bantumilli Mandal, Krishna District in favour of M/s ONGC Ltd., under Rule 5 (1) (ii) of Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959 - Orders - Issued.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 82 Dated: 13-11-2020

Read the following:

1. Mining Lease application of M/s ONGC Ltd , dt.05.01.2009.
2. Revised Mining Lease application of M/s ONGC Ltd dt.08.09.2009
3. From the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Govt., of India vide F.No. 0- 12012/103/2004/ONG-DIV/II, dt:29.02.2010.
4. From the Director of Mines & Geology, AP, Hyderabad File No. 22599/R2-3/2016, dt.23.09.2016.
5. Govt. Memo No.7522/M.III(2)/2016, Dt: 16.08.2017
6. From the Director of Mines & Geology, AP, e-File No.7522/M.III(2)/2016, dt.06.11.2020.
7. Minutes of the Meeting held by the Hon'ble M(M&G) with M/s ONGC & Ltd., and GAIL on 21.11.2019.

O R D E R:

Through the application 1st read above, M/s Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC Ltd) have applied for grant of Petroleum Mining Lease for Crude Oil and Natural Gas over an extent of 154.67 Sq.km of Bantumilli Extension area of Bantumilli Mandal of Krishna District.

2. In their revised application 2nd read above, M/s ONGC have stated that in the Petroleum Mining Lease application dt:05.01.2009 the area was mentioned as 154.67 Sq Km an area admeasuring 1.00 Sq Km i.e., (as shown by polygon 'abed' in the location map of the application) was excluded from the applied area by giving cognizance to their erstwhile application of ML grant of Bantumilli dt: 09.10.1989 and the grant order is still awaited. Further a request for cancellation was also made on 14.05.1991 which is also awaiting response. Subsequently, M/s. ONGC Ltd., decided to outsource Bantumilli field (much larger area) for production. In view of this M/s. ONGC Ltd., have requested not to cancel the Mining Lease for 1.00 Sq Km area vide Lr.No. ONGC/RA/ST/ML/2006, dt: 18.10.2006 and wanted to continue the Mining Lease. Further M/s. ONGC Ltd., have also stated that the above mentioned lease has expired on 08.10.2009 (assuming 20 years from the date of application). Hence, M/s. ONGC Ltd., duly enclosing revised location map along with revised prescribed application format, requested that their earlier application for extension may be considered for including earlier 1.00 Sq Km area to the 154.67 Sq.Km (extension area), by considering revised application for a total area of 155.67 Sq Km. Further, M/s ONGC filed Petroleum Mining Lease fresh grant application for approval of Petroleum Mining Lease in the subject area along with required documents.

3. In the correspondence 3rd read above, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Govt. of India conveyed their prior approval for grant of Petroleum Mining Lease for "Bantumilli Extn" admeasuring an area of 38.00 Sq Km of 1A (KG Onland) in favour of M/s. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited from 05.01.2009 to 04.01.2019. Further the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, GoI vide F.No.12012/52/2003/ONG-II(Pt.), dt:21.11.2012 conveyed the approval for grant of Petroleum Mining Lease for "Bantumilli

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Extn" for an additional area of 117.67 Sq Km of 1A (KG Onland) in favour of M/s. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited for a period of seven years (7) years from the date of issue of lease order by concerned State Government in respect of Onshore Blocks.

4. In the Memo 5th read above, the Government have proposed to grant Petroleum Mining Lease for Crude Oil and Natural Gas over an extent of 155.67 Sq.Km of Bantumilli Extension area of Bantumilli Mandal, Krishna District for a period of 7 years from the effective date i.e., date of grant of this lease by the State Govt., or the expiry of the PSC, whichever is earlier, under Rule 5 (1) (ii) of Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959 in favour of M/s. ONGC Ltd., subject to obtaining Environmental Clearance from the MoEF and Consent for Establishment (CFE) as per S.O.1533, dt.14-09-2006 and subject to satisfaction of other Rules and conditions issued by the Government of India and Govt. of Andhra Pradesh from time to time.

5. Through the e-File 6th read above, the Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., has reported that M/s.ONGC Ltd in Lr.No.ONGC/RJY/ST/SPG/PML Orders2, Dt:27.08.2018 submitted the following document:

1. EC issued by MoEF & CC, Govt of India vide F.No.J11011/68/2011-IA II(1), Dt:14.06.2013

6. The Director of Mines & Geology, Andhra Pradesh has, now, requested the Government to grant Petroleum Mining Lease for Crude Oil and Natural Gas over an extent of 117.67 Sq.Km of Bantumilli Extension additional area of Bantumilli Mandal, Krishna District for a period of (07) years and an extent of 38 Sq.Km Bantumilli Extension for a period of (10) years in favour of M/s ONGC Limited in terms of Rule 5 (1) (ii) of Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby grant Petroleum Mining Lease for Crude Oil and Natural Gas over an extent of 117.67 Sq.Km of Bantumilli Extension additional area of Bantumilli Mandal, Krishna District for a period of (07) years and an extent of 38 Sq.Km Bantumilli Extension for a period of (10) years in favour of M/s ONGC Limited under Rule 5 (1) (ii) of Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959 subject to condition that while taking up any activity under CSR funds to be spent by M/s ONGC Ltd., the District Collector, Krishna District shall obtain prior approval of the Government duly furnishing the details before allocation of the works as decided, vide minutes 7th read above and also subject to satisfaction of other conditions issued by the Govt. of India and Govt. of Andhra Pradesh from time to time.

8. The extension is liable for cancellation, if it is found at a later date that it was grossly inequitable or was made under a mistake of fact or owing to misrepresentation or fraud in excess of authority.

9. The Director of Mines & Geology, Government of A.P., Vijayawada shall take necessary further action after satisfying himself that the grantee fulfills all the required provisions of the amended Act & Rules.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(MINES)

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The Director General, Mines Safety, Dhanbad, Jharkand.
The Regional Controller of Mines, Koti, Hyderabad.
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